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1. Within the past year, the Defense Ministry, in cooperation with the Ministry of Interior and the Communist Party, has established a new military group to lead Communist resistance activities in the event of an invasion of Bulgaria. At present the groups assist the militia in maintaining order and security; they also watch for foreign intelligence agents.
2. Allegedly, there are six regiments of the para-military group, but regimental strength and organization are not known. Detachments of the group have been seen at:
 - a. Sofia district, in isolated villages only;
 - b. Pleven;
 - c. Poblata (sic) forest; and
 - d. Dobrudzha region, especially at Tutrakan.
3. The group wears uniforms of olive green with blue shoulder boards. Caps are blue with a red ribbon.
4. Recruits are all of working class origin, the children of faithful Communists; allegedly the old Soviet name of "Tchekists" has been revived for them. They are trained in special camps isolated from families, friends, and all civilians. Training includes Soviet methods of resistance, street fighting, cooperation with the police, militia, and army, and the use of weapons.

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